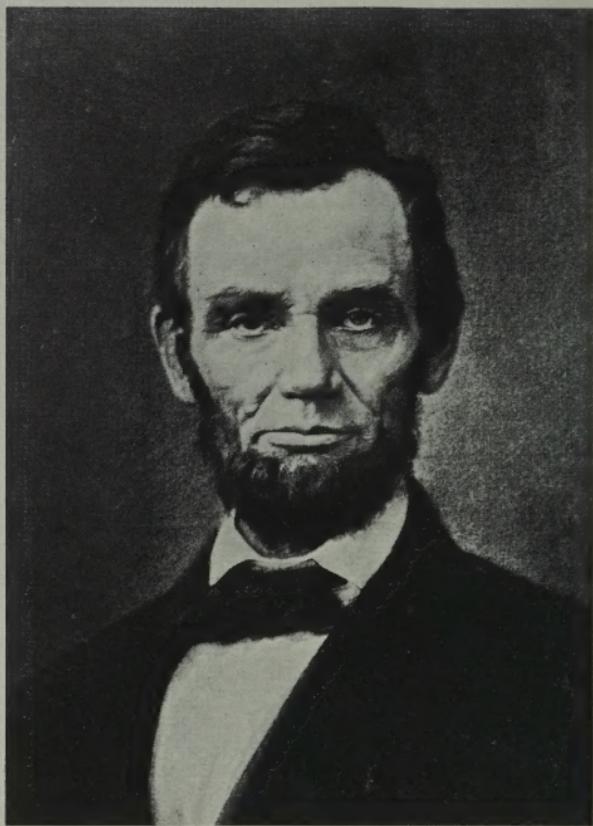


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### LINCOLN'S LOG CABIN

*Now enshrined in the Memorial Hall  
dedicated by President Woodrow Wilson  
in September, 1916*



O LOWLY HUT of rough-hewn logs;  
O cabin-home of frontier folk;  
O birthplace shrine—to thee we pay  
Our Nation's debt of gratitude!

Within thy walls was born to us,  
Five score and seven years ago,  
That lad, who, grown to man's estate,  
Preserved our Union, saved our land.

As President and patriot,  
He freed four million negro slaves,  
And gave his life—a martyr's gift—  
When stricken down by traitor's hand.

A marble hall we've built for thee,  
And dedicated thine abode:  
Memorial to him we love,  
Whose mansion is Eternity.

Protected now from storms of Time,  
Within this building beautiful,  
Still stand, O sacred shrine, and speak  
To generations yet unborn!

May thy rude frame and mem'ries sweet  
Inspire humanity, and tell  
Of him,—a product of our soil,—  
Who loved mankind and liberty.

And may this "honored dead" still live,  
While ages pass—as even now,—  
Enshrined within the hearts of men:  
*Our greatest, noblest citizen.*

*Los Angeles, California*  
*September 1916*

## MY SERVICE CREED

He serves God best who serves his fellowmen—

And who can better serve than he  
Who loves his Lord supremely,  
His brother-man sincerely,  
And strives, each day,  
The Christian life to live?

*He truly lives who loves and serves.*

### HEART'S DESIRE

O for a spot where flowers bloom,  
A place where trees and mountains loom:  
The home of folk and God above—  
*There let me live, and work, and love!*

### JUST BEYOND

Beyond the hills which crown the slope,  
The friendly mountains lie;  
Their rugged peaks of purple-gray  
Outlined against the sky.

Behind the clouds which dim our sun,  
That glowing orb still shines;  
While, lighting up the crystal pools,  
The rainbow tops the pines.

Beyond the frontiers of our world,  
A better Land, and fair,  
Invites and calls and welcomes all—  
Our Homeland, Over There.



